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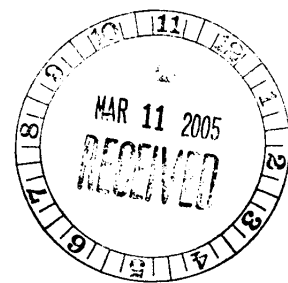
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By Hand

Honorable Vernon A. Williams
Secretary
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1925 K Street, N.W.
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Re: Notice of Intent to Participate in Hearing in Ex Parte No. 657

Dear Mr. Williams:

Pursuant to the Board's Notice served on February 16, 2005, in Ex Parte No. 657, Rail Rate Challenges Under the Stand-Alone Cost Methodology, this constitutes the Notice of Intent of the undersigned to appear at the March 24, 2005 hearing on behalf of Norfolk Southern Railway Company ("NSR") and CSX Transportation, Inc. ("CSXT"). I respectfully request fifteen (15) minutes to speak on behalf of NSR and CSXT, and as directed in the Board's Notice, I will file by next Thursday, March 18, a written submission of my anticipated remarks.

Please direct all inquiries regarding this matter to the undersigned.

Sincerely,

G. Paul Moates

cc: Raymond A. Atkins

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